

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chen et al.	§
Serial No.: Not Assigned	§ Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
Filed: _____	§ Examiner: Not Assigned
For: Method and Apparatus for	§ Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030936US1
Performing Handwriting Recognition	§
By Analysis of Stroke Start and End	§
Points	§

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Office during the pendency of the above entitled application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

Please charge any fees necessary for prosecution of the present application to Deposit Account No. 09-0447. If any extension of time is required, such extension is hereby requested. Please charge any additional required fee for extension of time to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not constitute an admission that any information cited therein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b). In the interest of full and complete disclosure to the Office, some or all of the art cited herein may not be considered by Applicant(s) or the Undersigned to be material under the new standards of materiality defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b), enacted March 16, 1992, but may be material under the old standard of materiality defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a), last amended on November 28, 1988, or may merely be technical background which may be of interest to the Examiner. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) within three months of the filing date of the application, or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. No fee is required.

Date: 12/9/03

Respectfully submitted,



David A. Mims, Jr.
Registration No. 32,708
IBM Corporation
Intellectual Property Law
11400 Burnet Road
Austin, Texas 78757
(512) 823-0950

Form PTO-1449 LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>			ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. AUS920030936US1		SERIAL NO. Not Assigned	
			APPLICANT Chen et al.			
			FILING DATE		GROUP ART UNIT Not Assigned	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	INVENTOR NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE	
	AA 6,144,764	Nov. 7, 2000	Yamakawa et al.	382/187	Jan. 20, 1998	
	AB 6,493,464 B1	Dec. 10, 2002	Hawkins et al.	382/189	Sep. 8, 1997	
	AC 5,923,778	Jul. 13, 1999	Chen et al.	382/185	Jun. 12, 1996	
	AD 6,035,063	Mar. 7, 2000	Nakashima et al.	382/187	Jun. 3, 1997	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
OTHER PRIOR ART (including author, title, date, pertinent page, etc.)						
RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS						
EXAMINER INITIAL		APPLICATION NO./ ATTY. DOCKET NO.	APPLICANT	TITLE		FILING DATE
DATE CONSIDERED			EXAMINER			
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.						